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REQUEST FOR REFUND (37 CFR 1.28(a)) FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE IN U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US) UNDER 35 USC 371

SUBMISSION OF VERIFIED STATEMENT I.

Attached is a verified statement claiming small entity status in this Patent Application.

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II. REFUND REQUEST

This request for refund is made within three months of the date a fee was paid in this Patent Application on 02 July 2004 in the amount of \$920.00.

III. FEES PAID FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

- (a) <u>x</u> Filing Fee under 37 CFR 1.492 \$ 460.00
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 1.492(b), (c) or (d) \$
- (c) __ Surcharge for filing the Oath
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TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED:

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